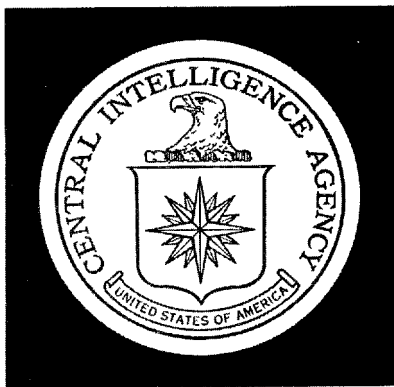


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USSR: The Soviets are hitting snags in their efforts to line up support for the US-Soviet draft nonproliferation treaty.

[redacted] Prime Minister Gandhi told Kosygin in New Delhi last month that although she personally favored the treaty, opposition in parliament would keep India from signing it.

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[redacted] The Soviets have continued since the Kosygin visit to press India to endorse the treaty draft.

Of other countries Moscow has approached for support, [redacted] the Rumanians--who appeared "not to appreciate the importance" of the treaty--would refuse to sign. [redacted] [redacted] Arabs would not sign unless Israel did first and that Japan's agreement would not be easily obtained.

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Greece: Athens' relations with Western countries may be disrupted by their "collaboration" with antijunta elements.

Early this week Andreas Papandreou announced in Stockholm that he had agreed to head an exile opposition group, the Panhellenic Liberation Movement. The movement aims to oust the "colonels" in Athens. He declined to elaborate on the group's strategy and tactics.

Socialist elements in Western Europe, particularly in Scandinavia, have been especially critical of the junta, and Swedish Prime Minister Erlander has announced that his ruling Social Democratic Party would give financial support to Papandreou's group. This riled the Athens government, which apparently intends to sever its relations with Stockholm.

Athens may be trying to warn other nations against "interference" in Greek affairs.

Papandreou is scheduled to be in Washington on 9 March. [REDACTED]

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Panama: The struggle for control of the election machinery remains unresolved, but a confrontation between the two candidates has apparently been delayed.

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The court has announced that it will await a ruling from the attorney general before reaching a verdict. Wide publicity given this announcement yesterday may have forestalled serious protest demonstrations in Panama City planned by followers of Arias.

Robles apparently is confident of the government's ability to rig the elections in favor of Samudio. He said the elections would be held on schedule on 12 May even if the government did not complete its obligation to issue voter identity cards to all potential new voters. This negligence could be detrimental to the opposition and further strengthen Arias' belief that the government is bent on manipulating the elections.

These continued efforts by the government to stack the cards against Arias could eventually cause him to lose patience and call his followers into the streets.

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Yemen: The military stalemate continues, and both sides seem increasingly preoccupied with their own internal quarrels. The royalists have suffered reverses, and serious difficulties in relations with their tribal allies have led to some defections. Recent Saudi assistance to the royalists has so far been of little help. Meanwhile, republican leaders are reportedly divided. Soviet assistance to the republicans continues, but at a lower level than in December.

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Argentina: The Argentine Government has reportedly signed an agreement with a French consortium to purchase [REDACTED] AMX-13 light tanks. Half of these will be delivered in operating condition, and [REDACTED] others are to be assembled from imported parts in Cordoba. Argentina hopes eventually to be able to build the AMX-13 under license, using French technical assistance. This would reduce Argentine reliance on foreign sources for arms and save some foreign exchange now spent for arms. According to the French press, the deal is estimated at \$10 million. [REDACTED]

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE

The United States Intelligence Board on 29 February 1968 approved the following national intelligence estimate:

Memorandum to Holders of NIE 14.2-67, "North Korean Intentions and Capabilities with Respect to South Korea." [REDACTED]

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